SUBJECTS.

a Vernacular Middle School at Perumbavoor. The existing state of things cannot be disturbed.

ALENGAD TALUK.

187. *Assessment of wet lands in the taluk.*

Mr. T. R. Atchuthan Pillai said that much of the rice lands in the Taluk bore an assessment varying from 2½ to 3¾ edangalis per para of land on account of the peculiar risks to cultivation from floods and droughts, and requested that, in view to avoid hardship to the ryots, a 15th tharam of wet lands bearing an assessment of 2½ edangalis per para be introduced.

Dewan's reply.—The proposals for the settlement of the taluk were sanctioned after careful consideration; and the matter cannot be re-opened.

PARUR TALUK.

188. *Levy of export duty on goods transported.*

Mr. V. I. Joseph prayed for the abolition of export duty on copra and other dutiable goods transported from the Parur taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions are impracticable and cannot be adopted.

189. *Settlement grievances.*

The same member, in bringing forward the following representations on the subject of assessment at the settlement, said that he would submit a memorial to Government embodying the same.

He said—

(*a*) that the assessment on chal or karinilams was too high and that the assessment on the present para of 61 perukams should not exceed that on the old para of 28⅛ perukams:

(*b*) that excesses over ayacut measurements should not be assessed in the case of virippu lands in Puthenvelikara and Kuthiathode:

(*c*) that the paddy lands in Muttikamada and other places bore an assessment of only a quarter of a para of paddy owing to their inferior productive capacity and that those lands should not be assessed at more than a quarter of a para:

(*d*) that Kettuthengu be abolished: and

(*e*) that the present system of levying tax on Otti and other Inam properties be discontinued and the old system revived.

Dewan's reply.—The written representation on this subject (promised by the member) is awaited.

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